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SUBJECT: FY 1975 PL 480 RICE SALES

1. YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON PROPOSED USG RICE PROGRAM WITH INDIA OF 100,000 METRIC TONS VALUED AT DOLS. 40.2 MILLION. RICE WOULD BE PART OF LARGER PROGRAM (INCLUDING WHEAT) TO HELP MEET INDIA'S EXTRAORDINARY GRAIN IMPORT REQUIREMENTS CREATED BY DROUGHT. CURRENT ESTIMATES PLACE THESE REQUIREMENTS BETWEEN 8 AND 10 MILLION TONS.

2. FINANCIAL TERMS INCLUDE FIVE PERCENT INITIAL PAYMENT WITH REPAYMENT IN 31 ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS FOLLOWING 10-YEAR GRACE PERIOD. INTEREST WILL BE TWO PERCENT DURING GRACE PERIOD RISING TO THREE PERCENT THEREAFTER.

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3. USUAL MARKETING REQUIREMENT PROPOSED AT 100,000 MT.
INDIA'S COMMERCIAL IMPORTS HAVE BEEN AS FOLLOWS (DATA
BY CALENDAR YEARS AND IN 1,000 METRIC TONS):

COUNTRY	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
BURMA	91	109	0	0	
EGYPT	91	45	69	0	
THAILAND	20	82	60	0	
TOTAL	202	236	129	0	100

COUNTRY BREAKOUT UNAVAILABLE

4. ANY COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED NO LATER THAN COB FEB. 28.

5. FOR EGYPT -- IN THE PAST EGYPT WISHED TO BE ADVISED
OF RICE AND COTTON PROGRAMS PROPOSED FOR MARKETS IN WHICH
IT HAD A COMMERCIAL INTEREST . YOU MAY WISH TO
REINSTITUTE THIS PROCEDURE WITH THE ABOVE PROGRAM.

6. FOR BANGKOK -- WITH ABOVE AND WITH SEPARATE CABLE YOU
WILL BE RECEIVING ON TANZANIA, RICE PROGRAMING UNDER
PL 480 FOR FY 1975 NOW TOTALS 685,500 MT:

--	BANGLADESH	-200,000
--	CAMBODIA	- 209,000
--	HONDURAS	- 10,000
--	INDIA	- 100,000
--	KOREA	- 131,500
--	SYRIA	- 25,000
--	TANZANIA	- 10,000

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